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TO : R. L. Furniss, Portland, Ore DATE: June 20, 1947

FROM : F. P. Keen, Berkeley, Calif

SUBJECT: Criocephalus

I wish you would check me on this letter to see how badly I've missed. A builder and buyer & veterans administration are having quite a row over this and the letter was prepared to quiet the arguments.

According to report, the larvae (one of which I have) come popping out of walls, thru plaster board and up thru the hard wood floors. Over 30 holes have been made by one larvae, yet only one beetle has been found but many larvae. Did you ever hear of the larvae emerging like this? I told them they wouldn't bore up thru

(over)

table legs, nor lay eggs on dry wood. On many of these points, including length of life cycle, I'm not too positive. Actually we don't know what this beast will and will not do when placed under unusual circumstances.

Hope you can agree with most of what I've told them!

Paul